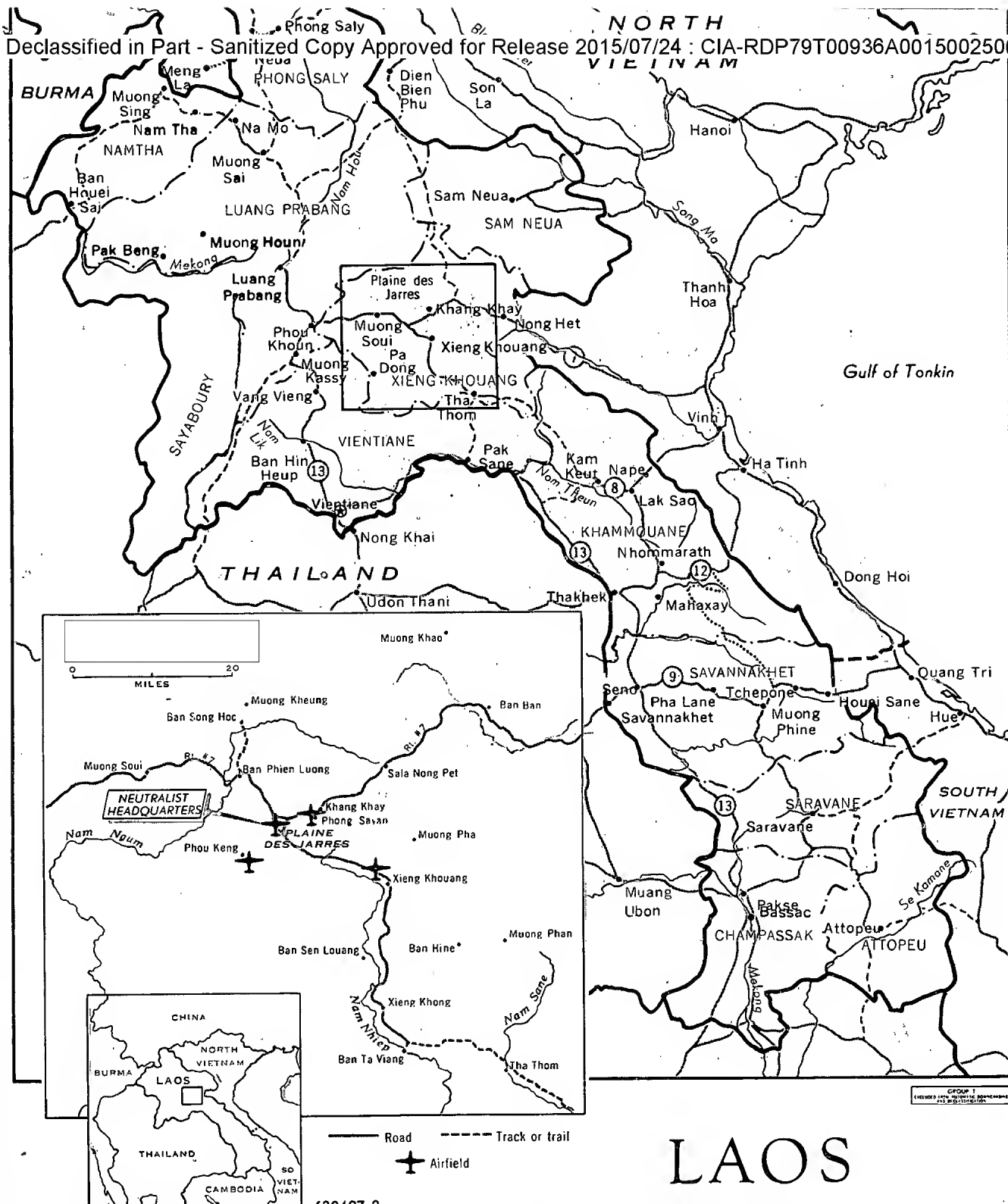


THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST

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1. Laos

a. Xieng Khouang town has fallen to the Pathet Lao, and the neutralist military position in the Plaine des Jarres is deteriorating rapidly.

b. With the defection of a neutralist artillery battery to the Pathet Lao, the road from Xieng Khouang to the Plaine des Jarres has been cut, blocking the retreat of three Kong Le companies headed toward the Plaine des Jarres airfield from Xieng Khouang.

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2. Cuba

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c. The Soviet passenger ship Maria Ulyanova (340 passenger capacity) is on its way to Cuba. It declared no passengers aboard as it transited the Kiel Canal late last week.

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3. Brazil

a. War Minister Kruel arrived in Rio last night and ordered First Army commander Osvino Alves arrested for his persistent threats to intervene in Guanabara.

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c. Most army officers would probably back Kruel against the Communist-leaning Alves, but many important ones have been removed from top positions since Goulart became President. Kruel is also said to have the backing of the navy minister and the chief of Goulart's military household.

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d. Faced with the possibility of civil war, Goulart can be expected to temporize. One Rio radio station has quoted him as saying he had not authorized Krue's order.

e. On another front, Goulart has undercut the leftists in Brasilia by rejecting radical foreign bank and land reform measures and dismissing the left-wing laborite adviser who drafted them.

4. South Vietnam

a. Ambassador Nolting has been unable so far to shake Diem from his determination to exclude us from a voice in the disposition of South Vietnamese funds used in the counter-insurgency effort.

b. Taking his cue from his brother, Diem insists that the scope and number of US advisers in the field must be reduced, that their proliferation and tendency to take charge of things is making his country a "US protectorate" in the eyes of everyone.

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5. Canadian
Elections

a. At latest count (0800 EDT) the Liberals have won a substantial plurality of 127 seats in the 265-seat Parliament--6 short of a majority.

b. The military vote (which tends toward the Liberal) will not be in until the weekend, and may add a few seats to the Liberals, but not enough to give Pearson an absolute majority.

c. The Conservatives have 97 seats; the Social Credit Party, 24; and the New Democratic Party, 17--all reduced from last year.

d. The two minority parties have indicated they will support, with reservations, a minority Liberal government. There has been more talk of Parliamentary support than of a formal coalition.

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NOTES

- A. Haiti Military leaders, threatened with retirement this month, are increasingly desperate and are yet again plotting a coup. [REDACTED]
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- C. Arab unity talks The unity conference in Cairo says it has agreed on a basis for federation and is now working out the details. It is not at all clear what this means. [REDACTED]
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- D. Guatemala The curfew has been lifted in Guatemala. The UK and El Salvador have recognized the regime, and Honduras and Nicaragua will probably follow suit today. [REDACTED]

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